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Special Event

THE CRISIS IN IRAQ

"Causes, Consequences, and Options Going Forward"

Thursday, September 11, 2014, 6:00PM - 7:30PM

The Ohio State University - 352 Drisko Hall
55 West 12th Ave. Columbus, OH 43210

No registration necessary.

Overview

Following the withdrawal of U.S. troops in 2011, post-war Iraq has faced many challenges and threats that have led to the deterioration of the Iraqi state. Key causes and consequences of this deterioration include the rise of the Islamic State (formerly known as the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria), ineffectual leadership of the Al-Maliki government, and growing internal tensions between Sunnis, Shiites, and Kurdish denizens. This event will feature a discussion between Peter Mansoor of The Ohio State University and Emma Sky of Yale University regarding the situation in Iraq, key challenges, and options for U.S. policy going forward.

Panelists

Peter Mansoor, U.S. Army (Ret.), is the Gen. Raymond E. Mason Jr. Chair of Military History at The Ohio State University, a joint appointment between the Department of History and the Mershon Center. He assumed this position in September 2008 after a 26-year career in the U.S. Army that culminated in his service in Iraq as the executive officer to Gen. David Petraeus, the commanding general of Multi-National Force-Iraq, during the period of the surge in 2007-08. See his full bio on his [faculty web page](#).

Emma Sky is a senior fellow at Yale University's Jackson Institute, where she lectures on the New Iraq and Middle East Politics. Sky is a British citizen who has worked at senior levels on behalf of the US and UK governments, in Iraq, Afghanistan and Jerusalem, across the fields of development, defense, and diplomacy, and with multi civilian and military agencies. Her formal education was at Oxford (UK), Alexandria (Egypt), Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Israel) and Liverpool (UK). She has traveled widely in Africa, Middle East, South Asia, and Europe.



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